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Upon learning that difficulties existed in the marketing of lignite briquettes (industrial briquettes - fine grain), the East German Ministry for Heavy Industry's Main Administration for Liquid Fuels reviewed its requirements with a view toward increasing its lignite allocations. The result of the study showed that, with the exception of the Teerverarbeitungswerk Rositz, the lignite requirements for all enterprises under the Main Administration, as far as Fremdbezieher¹ were concerned, were covered by allocations. Decided shortages (Fehlmenge) existed, however, in the production for internal consumption of the Boehlen, Espenhain, and Goelzau enterprises.

1. Kombinat Boehlen

a) Boehlen has a planned gross production of 1,006,000 tons for the 3rd quarter of 1955. Its internal requirements are 976,200 tons during that quarter, according to the Operative Plan. In addition, there is an extra allowance (Deputate) of 16,000 tons. There is, therefore, a total internal requirement of 992,200 tons. According to plan, this results in a shortage (Fehlbedarf) of 1,550 tons.

On the basis of the planned internal requirements, Kombinat Boehlen therefore has a goods production (Warenproduktion) of 13,800 tons plus a 16,000-ton extra allowance (Deputate), i.e. 29,800 tons to realize.

b) The Ministry for Heavy Industry's Marketing Department for Coal anticipates in its delivery plan a goods production of 17,350 tons of lignite scrap and chips (Bruch und Spaene), since 3,550 tons extra allowance is to be delivered from outside suppliers (Fremdbezieher).

c) In order to exploit Boehlen's incompletely utilized carbonization capacity (Schmelkapazitaet) more fully, the Main Administration for Liquid Fuels proposed that goods production at Boehlen be reduced from 17,350 tons to 11,350 tons and the 6,000 tons of chips (Spaene) concerned be allocated to the Kraftwerk Boehlen. This would result in a saving of 4,800 tons of lignite low-temperature coke - industrial coke. In addition, the acquisition of lignite briquettes (extra allowance) from outside the enterprise should be increased by 8,000 tons to 11,500 tons, and this quantity also

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directed to the carbonization plant. This would result in a further surplus production of 3,400 tons of lignite low-temperature coke.

d) This [redacted] use Boehlen's goods production (Warenproduktion) to be increased [redacted] addition of extra-allowance briquettes (Deputatbriketts) so that the total [redacted] 1,006,000 tons could, in effect, be processed in the enterprise itself. An allocation shortage (Minusdifferenz) of 15,500 tons would thereby appear.

2. Kombinat Espenhain

a) Espenhain has a planned gross production of..... 1,385,000 tons for the 3rd quarter of 1955. Its internal requirements are.... 1,348,400 tons which includes 9,000 tons extra allowance. This results in a goods production (gross production minus internal requirements) of..36,600 tons. The allocation, however, amounts to only..... 1,325,250 tons. This leaves a goods production of..... 59,750 tons.

b) To coordinate the production plan with the internal requirements and allocations, it is necessary to cover a shortage (Fehlmenge) of 23,150 tons at Espenhain.

3. Kombinat Goelzau

The lignite [redacted] coal is prepared for the carbonization plant, is processed [redacted] per quarter [redacted] first time [redacted] by means [redacted] carbonization plant. [redacted] shortage (Fehlmenge) of 20,000 tons in the Main Administration.

4. Teerverarbeitungswerk Rositz

At Rositz, the internal requirements set down in the Operative Plan are 121,000 tons including 1,166 tons extra allowance. Allocations cover only 117,200 tons of these requirements, however. This leaves a shortage of..... 3,800 tons.

Thus, on the basis of the shortages listed in the paragraphs above, there is a total shortage (Minusdifferenz) in the Main Administration of..... 62,500 tons.

5. Lignite Low-temperature Coke

The requirements of the outside suppliers (Fremdbezieher) are, according to plan, also covered as far as low-temperature coke is concerned, but a shortage (Minusdifferenz) of 20,300 tons exists with respect to production for internal use. This would be reduced by 4,800 tons in the event that the proposal made above - that 6,000 tons more of lignite briquette chips be used at Boehlen - were accepted. A shortage (Minusdifferenz) of 15,500 tons would then remain. According to the Marketing Department for Coal, this 15,500 tons could be covered by excess deliveries (Ueberlieferungen) from the 2nd quarter of 1955 and through increased production in the 3rd quarter of the year.

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The lignite dust produced when coal is prepared for the carbonization plant is processed into lignite briquettes at Goelzau. This briquette production (20,000 tons per quarter) is included in the Main Administration's Gross Production Plan for the first time in 1955. It is, therefore, now necessary to cover - by means of allocations - the withdrawal (Entnahme) of this quantity for the carbonization plant. As a result, there is a further shortage (Fehlmenge) of 20,000 tons in the Main Administration.

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